

not known to exist previously in Congo. At press time, she was at the Smithsonian to begin the identification and cataloging process.

Meanwhile, another trip to Congo is in store—as soon as she finds funding, and a new job. Jackson does not fit neatly into

any academic spot; a museum with a strong fieldwork program might be ideal. “What I don’t want, after 25 years of knowing that I want to be a herpetologist, is to get a job teaching human physiology to undergraduates,” she says. “I’m not that interested in humans.”

~NELL PORTER BROWN

## HAA Clubs Committee Awards

THE HAA CLUBS COMMITTEE presents two annual awards for contributions to Harvard clubs.

Recipients of the 2005 Outstanding Club Contribution Award are:

William D. (“Dren”) Geer Jr. ’56, of Sarasota, Florida. Geer has been active on the Harvard Club of Sarasota’s board for nearly a decade, and is the current club president. His contributions include the development of a “Teacher of the Year” program through which the club recognizes a local teacher who is given a stipend and invited to a Harvard Graduate School of Education (GSE) summer seminar; the trip is paid for by the club and the local school board. Geer is also working on further collaborations between the Sarasota County schools and the GSE that could result in a model pro-

gram that could be used nationwide.

Rodney D. Hardy ’60, of Edina, Minnesota. Hardy has twice served as president of the Harvard Club of Minnesota, most recently in 2004-2005. He and his successor, Todd Peterson ’84, M.B.A. ’87, oversaw the club’s transformation into a University-wide organization. This included merging with the previously independent Harvard Business School Club of Minnesota and inviting alumni from all the University’s graduate and professional schools to join the new organization. In preparation for its 125th anniversary, the club also waived 2005-2006 dues, which has resulted in a 10-fold rise in membership. Hardy, who is also a leader of his class, has served as HAA regional director for the North Central States and is a long-standing HAA committee member.

The Harvard Clubs of Chile and Switzerland won Club Recognition Awards.

The Harvard Club of Chile has been a model of revitalization, largely due to the expansion of its board to include representatives of the professional schools and to its significant outreach activities. To better serve and engage alumni in Chile and neighboring countries, the club has sponsored a series of academic and social events, including a dinner with Chile’s minister of justice, Luis Bates. The club has also worked closely with the regional office of Harvard’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies to help Harvard students studying in Chile, and now plans to create a scholarship fund for Chilean students attending Harvard.

The Harvard Club of Switzerland has an outstanding participation record, with 910 current members, many of them graduates of the Business School. The club offers an efficient on-line system for paying dues and is developing a website. Another key to its success is a committee and board structure that offers “stability, clear leadership, and representation from different alumni constituencies and regions.” Alumni participate in a well-promoted series of 14 events annually.

## Comings and Goings

UNIVERSITY CLUBS offer a variety of stimulating gatherings. Here is a list of Harvard-affiliated speakers appearing at local clubs this winter. For details, contact the club in question, call the HAA (617-495-3070), or go to [www.haa.harvard.edu](http://www.haa.harvard.edu).

On March 2, the Harvard Club of Broward County hosts Thier professor of medicine David Blumenthal for a talk on “The History and Politics of Medicare.” Also on March 2, Cabot professor of social ethics and Pforzheimer professor of Radcliffe Mahzarin Banaji will discuss “Mind Bugs: The Psychology of Ordinary Prejudice” at a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences event at the Harvard Club of New York

## A Special Notice Regarding Commencement Exercises

Morning Exercises, Thursday, June 8, 2006

To accommodate the increasing number of those wishing to attend Harvard’s Commencement Exercises, the following guidelines are proposed to facilitate admission into Tercentenary Theatre on Commencement morning:

- Degree candidates will receive a limited number of tickets to Commencement. Parents and guests of degree candidates *must* have tickets, which they will be required to show at the gates in order to enter Tercentenary Theatre. Seating capacity is limited, however there is standing room on the Widener steps and at the rear and sides of the Theatre for viewing the exercises.

*Note:* A ticket allows admission into the Theatre, but does not guarantee a seat. The sale of Commencement tickets is prohibited.

- Alumni/ae attending their major reunions (25th, 35th, 50th) will receive tickets at their reunions. Alumni/ae in classes beyond the 50th may obtain tickets from the Classes and Reunions Office, 124 Mount Auburn Street, sixth floor, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

- Alumni/ae from non-major reunion years and their spouses are requested to view the Morning Exercises over large-screen televisions situated in the Science Center, Sanders Theatre, most of the undergraduate Houses and professional schools. These locations provide ample seating, and tickets are not required.

- A very limited supply of tickets will be made available to all other alumni/ae on a first-come, first-served basis through the Harvard Alumni Association, 124 Mount Auburn Street, sixth floor, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

### Afternoon Exercises

The Harvard Alumni Association’s Annual Meeting convenes in Tercentenary Theatre on Commencement afternoon. All alumni and alumnae, faculty, students, parents, and guests are invited to attend and hear President Lawrence H. Summers and the Commencement Speaker deliver their addresses. Tickets for the afternoon ceremony will be available through the Harvard Alumni Association, 124 Mount Auburn Street, sixth floor, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

~Jacqueline A. O’Neill, University Marshal

## Harvard in India

The Harvard Alumni Association's Global Series conference "The Power of the Idea: An Academic Symposium Exploring Outreach in South Asia," takes place in New Delhi on March 25 and 26.

The event features University president Lawrence H. Summers, five deans, and several faculty members, including Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, and prominent alumni, such as Surat Singh, president of both the Harvard Club of India and the Harvard University Alumni Clubs of Asia.

For registration and details on the event, visit <http://post.harvard.edu/harvard/globalseries/html/index.html>.

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City. On March 4, members of the Harvard Club of Louisville can learn about "Science, Politics, and Stem Cell Research" from Iacocca professor of medicine Ronald Kahn, who is also president and director of the Joslin Diabetes Center.

At the Harvard Club of Maryland on March 4, the Reverend Peter J. Gomes, Plummer professor of Christian morals, speaks on "Harvard in the Eye of the Beholder: The View since 1970." The Harvard Club of Long Island welcomes Ali Asani, professor of the practice of Indo-Muslim languages and cultures, on March 18 for a talk about "The Rise of the Anti-Western movement in the Islamic World." On March 30, Marshall Goldman, associate director of the Davis Center for Russian Studies, discusses "Putin: Piratization of Russia" at a luncheon hosted by the Harvard Club of Dayton. That evening, he addresses the Harvard Club of Central and Southeast Ohio. He also appears at the Harvard Club of Naples, Florida, on April 9.

The Harvard Club of New York City offers a discussion of "Consumer-Driven Healthcare" by McPherson professor of business administration Regina E. Herzlinger on April 10. On April 28, the Harvard Club of Western North Carolina (Asheville) welcomes Robert Woollacott, professor of biology and curator of marine invertebrates at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, for a presentation on the "Health of the World's Coral Reefs, Fishing, and Fish Markets."

### Return to Harvard Day

ON APRIL 19, alumni of all College classes, their spouses, and high school-aged offspring have an opportunity to visit the College, attend undergraduate classes,

and meet faculty members while the academic year is in full swing. The HAA sends brochures promoting the event to reunion classes in the Greater Boston area. If you do not receive a copy and would like to attend, write or call Blake Walsh, 124 Mount Auburn Street, sixth floor, Cambridge 02138; 617-495-2555; fax, 617-495-0434 or e-mail [blake\\_walsh@harvard.edu](mailto:blake_walsh@harvard.edu).

### Women and War

THE RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE for Advanced Study offers April events in Washington, D.C., and New York City that highlight women's roles in times of war.

The April 10 panel discussion at the United States Institute for Peace in Washington is cosponsored by Women In International Security. A reception at 6:30 p.m. precedes the discussion. Jennifer Leaning '67, professor of the practice of international health and senior adviser in international and policy studies at the institute, moderates the event; panelists include U.S. Army colonel Elspeth Cameron Ritchie '80 and Linda Bishai '86, program officer, United States Institute of Peace.

The April 26 event at the Harvard Club of New York City, at 7 p.m., features Margaret Stock '85, associate professor of law at West Point, among others.

Reserve seats by April 3 and April 19, respectively. For details and registration, e-mail the institute at [events@radcliffe.edu](mailto:events@radcliffe.edu), or call 1-888-RAD-ALUM.

### Alumni Colleges

THE HAA OFFERS Cambridge forums on South Asia and diplomacy this spring.

"South Asia: A Changing World," on April 22, is cosponsored by the South Asia Initiative at Harvard ([www.sainit.fas.harvard.edu](http://www.sainit.fas.harvard.edu)). Discussions focus on "Literature and Public Culture," "Challenges and Imperatives Facing Health Initiatives in South Asia," and the initiative's tsunami-reconstruction project. Panelists include Homi K. Bhabha, Rothenberg professor of English and American literature and language; Tarun Khanna, Lemann professor at the Business School; and research associate Lincoln Chen and lecturer Rena Fonseca, both of the Harvard Asia Center.

On May 13, the HAA and the Peabody Museum present "Arts of Diplomacy: The Lewis and Clark Indian Collection," a behind-the-scenes look at the museum's collection of surviving objects from the exploration and several lectures. Speakers include Rubie Watson, curator of comparative ethnology and former director of the Peabody, Castle McLaughlin, associate curator of North American ethnography, and Carmen Lopez, executive director of the University's Native American Program.

For more information, and to register for the programs, call 617-495-1920, or e-mail [haa\\_alumni@education.harvard.edu](mailto:haa_alumni@education.harvard.edu).

### Young Bernstein in Boston

The leaders of a spring seminar and fall exhibit and conference on Leonard Bernstein '39 seek firsthand information about the musician in his hometown (into the early 1950s). Students, friends, colleagues, and family members willing to be interviewed are asked to contact Mason professor of music Carol J. Oja (617-495-3791; [coja@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:coja@fas.harvard.edu)) or Watts professor of music Kay Kaufman Shelemay (617-495-4008; [shelemay@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:shelemay@fas.harvard.edu)).